

Remarks

Reconsideration and further examination of the present application is respectfully requested. The Office Action has rejected claims 1-5, 7-12, 14-16, 18-27, 29-31, 33, and 34; objected to claims 6, 13, 17, 28, and 32; and allowed no claims. Applicant has amended claims 5, 12, 16, 20, 27, and 31. Applicant has canceled claims 1-4, 6, 13, 17, 23-26, 28, and 32 without prejudice.

Specification*Summary*

Applicant has added a summary after paragraph 0003.1 as described above.

In the Specification

Paragraphs 0012, 0013, 0015, and 0016 have been amended to correct typographical errors. No new matter has been added.

In the Drawings

Figure 4 has been amended to fix typographical errors. No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections*35 USC 102(b)*

Claims 1-4 and 23-26 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Ganmukhi, US Patent 5,850,399 (hereinafter "Ganmukhi"). While Applicant does

not necessarily agree with the rejection, Applicant has canceled claims 1-4 and 23-26 without prejudice in order to expedite the prosecution of the present application.

35 USC 103(a)

Claims 5, 7-12, 14-16, 18-22, 27, 29-31, and 33-34 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tsang et al., US Patent 6,047,000 (hereinafter "Tsang") in view of Yang et al., US Patent 5,905,730 (hereinafter "Yang"). Claims 6, 13, 17, 28, and 32 stand objected as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended claims independent claims 5, 12, 16, 27, and 31 respectively, to include the limitations of the objected claims. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 5, 12, 16, 27, and 31 are therefore allowable. Claims 7-11, 14-15, 18-19, 21-22, 29-30, and 33-34 are dependent upon claims 5, 12, 16, 27, and 31 and are allowable for at least the same rationale.

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Invitation for a telephone interview

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at 408-720-8300 if there remains any issue with allowance of this case.

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Respectfully submitted,

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